

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A clincher device of a stapler for engaging with a staple leg ejected by a driver and penetrated through sheets of paper so as to clinch the staple leg on a back face side of the sheets of paper, comprising:

a plurality of projected lines on a face for engaging with the staple ~~legs~~ leg and inwardly guiding the staple leg, the plurality of projected lines being formed in parallel with one another; wherein each of the plurality of the projected lines comprises a pointed edge on a top of the each of the plurality of the projected lines; and

a tip end of the staple leg simultaneously engages with at least two of the pointed edges.

Claim 2 (Original): The clincher device of a stapler according to claim 1, further comprising:

an inclined face, provided on a table for supporting the sheets of paper, for engaging with the staple leg and inwardly bending the staple leg; and

a movable clincher member, having a pressing face for engaging with the staple leg inwardly bent by the inclined faces, for clinching the staple leg along the back face of the sheets of paper by driving the movable clincher member from a lower position to an upper position,

wherein the plurality of the projected lines are provided on the inclined face.

Claim 3 (Original): The clincher device of a stapler according to claim 1, further comprising:

an inclined face, provided on a table for supporting the sheets of paper, for engaging with the staple leg and inwardly bending the staple leg; and

a movable clincher member, having a pressing face for engaging with the staple leg inwardly bent by the inclined faces, for clinching the staple leg along the back face of the sheets of paper by driving the movable clincher member from a lower position to an upper position, wherein the plurality of the projected lines are provided on the pressing face.

Claim 4 (Original): The clincher device of a stapler according to claim 1, further comprising:

an inclined face, provided on a table for supporting the sheets of paper, for engaging with the staple leg and inwardly bending the staple leg; and

a movable clincher member, having a pressing face for engaging with the staple leg inwardly bent by the inclined faces, for clinching the staple leg along the back face of the sheets of paper by driving the movable clincher member from a lower position to an upper position,

wherein the plurality of the projected lines are provided on both the inclined face and the pressing face.

Claim 5 (Original): The clincher device of a stapler according to claim 1, further comprising:

a clincher groove, provided on a table for supporting the sheets of paper, for inwardly

guiding a tip end of the staple leg,

wherein the plurality of the projected lines are provided on bottom faces of the clincher groove.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Cancelled).